GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:331
ANSWERED ON:31.07.2014
NATIONAL IRRIGATION PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria and guidelines laid down for declaring a State irrigation project as a national project;

(b) the number of proposals received in this regard from the various States during the last five years and the follow-up action taken by the Government thereon;

(c) whether the Government has received any request for declaring the Rani AvanthiBaiLodhiSagar (Bargi) project as a national project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which it is likely to be declared as National Project?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (SUSHRI UMA BHARATI)

(a)to(d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House .

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.331 REGARDING NATIONAL IRRIGATION PROJECTS DUE FOR REPLY ON 31.07.2014.

(a) Eligibility criteria for selection of National Project are as follows:

1. International projects where usage of water in India is required by a treaty or where planning and early completion of the project is necessary in the interest of the country.

2. Inter-state projects which are dragging on due to non-resolution of Inter-state issues relating to sharing of costs, rehabilitation, aspects of power production etc., including river interlinking projects.

3. Inter-state projects with additional potential of more than 2, 00,000 hectare (ha) and with no dispute regarding sharing of water and where hydrology is established.

4. Extension, renovation and modernization projects envisaging restoration of lost potential of 2 lakh ha. or more subject to certain conditions.

(b) 13 proposals have been received from State Governments for consideration under National projects in the last five years; two of these projects, SaryuNaharPariyojna, U.P. and Polavaram Irrigation Project, Andhra Pradesh have been approved for inclusion in the scheme of National Projects. The remaining 11 proposals were not found eligible under the scheme.

(c) & (d) Yes, Madam. The proposal for inclusion of Bargi Diversion Project under the scheme of National Project was recommended by the High Power Steering Committee in its second meeting held on 17.02.2010. However, it could not be taken up during the XI Plan period due to resource crunch. The Bargi Diversion Project is now being processed for approval of the Government in accordance with the approved contours of National Projects in the XII Plan.